John Robinson "Thinking in English" Basic English Listening Test

Part One: Instructions. Listen to the short story. Decide what is the best and most logical ending for the short story. Mark the answer on your scantron card. Each short story will be read and repeated once. I will read an example. Put your pencils down during this example:

- ex. a: She thinks it's awful..
 - b: She thinks she drinks too much.
 - c: She thinks it's delicious.
 - d: She prefers soda.

Which is the correct answer? Letter "C" is correct because it is the most logical ending for the story. Now, let's begin the test.

- 1. a: my children.
 - b: my grandparents.
 - c: my parents.
 - d: my siblings.
- 2. a: It's overcast.
 - b: It's a nice day.
 - c: It's raining.
 - d: It's night time.
- 3. a: slow
 - b: ugly
 - c: broken
 - d: new
- 4. a: 34
 - b: older
 - c: 70
 - d: his sister
- 5. a: He's old.
 - b: He's from Brazil.
 - c: He's single.
 - d: He's tall.
- 6. a: a good mechanic
 - b: getting off the bus.
 - c: a police woman.
 - d: a good driver.
- 7. a: They're not happy.
 - b: They're smiling.
 - c: They're getting on the bus.
 - d: They're bus drivers.

- 8. a: to the restaurant.
 - b: home.
 - c: to the laundromat.
 - d: to a party.
- a: two washers.
 - b: only one washer.
 - c: the dryer.
 - d: two baskets.
- 10. a: groceries.
 - b: letters.
 - c: tools
 - d: laundry.
- 11. a: It's 12:25 PM.
 - b: It's 8:30 AM.
 - c: It's Sunday morning.
 - d: It's midnight.
- 12. a: She'll probably buy it.
 - b: It fits perfectly.
 - c: She probably won't buy it.
 - d: It's very cheap.
- 13. a: The clothes are too expensive.
 - b: The clothes are less expensive.
 - c: Shirts and pants are on sale today.
 - d: The store never has discounts.
- 14. a: They're getting married.
 - b: They're going to eat lunch.
 - c: They're breaking up.
 - d: They're going to have dinner.
- 15. a: The Regency Hotel Lounge.
 - b: La Rondalla.
 - c: Mc Donald's.
 - d: The Hong Kong Tea House.
- 16. a: It's my favorite restaurant.
 - b: I'll probably go there again.
 - c: I hate it.
 - d: The food is terrific.
- 17. a: He'll cook his own dinner.
 - b: He'll cook for his kids.
 - c: His wife is cooking now.
 - d: His wife is too tired to cook.
- 18. a: Carol is shopping alone.
 - b: Carol is the boy's mother.
 - c: Carol is in the shopping cart.
 - d: Carol is pushing a car in the lot.

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- 19. a: This is a drugstore. b: This is a restaurant.
 - c: This is a taqueria
 - d: This is a supermarket.
- 20. a: They live above a bar.
 - b: They live in a nice apartment.
 - c: They live with their parents.
 - d: They have two children.
- 21. a: They're homeless.
 - b: They have six grandchildren.
 - c: Their house is small.
 - d: They have a lot of money.
- 22. a: They're married.
 - b: They're roommates.
 - c: They in different apartments.
 - d: They like their apartment.
- 23. a: They don't go out very often.
 - b: They love parties.
 - c: They have three TV's.
 - d: They usually go to the movies.
- 24. a: She needs a permanent.
 - b: She needs a doctor.
 - c: She needs an ambulance.
 - d: She needs a driver.
- 25. a: I must see a doctor.
 - b: I must go to a restaurant.
 - c: I must go to a drugstore.
 - d: I must get a prescription.
- 26. a: film.
 - b: a shirt.
 - c: a diamond ring.
 - d: aspirin.
- 27. a: Hong is a pharmacist.
 - b: Hong is a translator.
 - c: Hong is a cook.
 - d: Hong is a doctor.
- 28. a: They both work.
 - b: They don't work.
 - c: She is a bus driver.
 - d: They work on weekends.
- 29. a: coffee.
 - b: orange juice.
 - c: alcohol.
 - d: hot chocolate.

- 30. a: They should help me more.
 - b: They should move out.
 - c: They should make a mess.
 - d: They should watch more TV.
- 31. a: an angry family.
 - b: a sad family.
 - c: a healthy family.
 - d: a hungry family.

Part Two. Listen to the story. It will be read only once. Then, you will hear unfinished sentences about the story. Decide what is the best way to finish the sentences. You will hear each one twice.

"Jennifer's Story"

- 32. a: at a horse ranch.
 - b: at an airline.
 - c: at a restaurant.
 - d: at a travel agency.
- 33. a: She has long hours.
 - b: She has to get up early.
 - c: She has to help passengers.
 - d: She has to sell tickets.
- 34. a: goes horseback riding.
 - b: goes to another job.
 - c: goes on an airplane.
 - d: goes to lunch.
- 35. a: are usually late.
 - b: are usually uncomfortable.
 - c: are usually on time.
 - d: are usually bumpy.
- 36. a: a pilot.
 - b: a stewardess.
 - c: a passenger.
 - d: a ticket agent.

"The Yard Sale"

- 37. a: had a yard sale.
 - b: had a party.
 - c: had a barbecue.
 - d: exchanged gifts.
- 38. a: They sold a lot to the public.
 - b: They sold a lot to rich people.
 - c: They didn't sell anything.
 - d: They sold a lot to their friends.

- 39. a: new cars.
 - b: fur coats.
 - c: junk.
 - d: beer and wine.
- 40. a: all weekend.
 - b: all night.
 - c: all afternoon.
 - d: all week.
- 41. a: twenty five cents.
 - b: twenty dollars.
 - c: a dollar fifty.
 - d: four dollars.

"Claudia's English Classes"

- 42. a: to find an American boyfriend.
 - b: to get a good job.
 - c: to become a translator.
 - d: to read newspapers.
- 43. a: wasn't too far away.
 - b: wasn't too expensive.
 - c: wasn't too difficult.
 - d: wasn't too crowded.
- 44. a: for six years.
 - b: for six weeks.
 - c: for six months.
 - d: for six days.
- 45. a: filled out a registration form.
 - b: became a computer technician.
 - c: called her friends.
 - d: read bulletins.
- 46. a: to buy a book.
 - b: to take a bus.
 - c: to listen in class.
 - d: to fill out a form.
- 47. a: at a high level.
 - b: at an intermediate level.
 - c: at Level Five
 - d: at the beginning level.

"The TV Men"

- 48. a: two trucks.
 - b: two trees.
 - c: two TV's.
 - d: two men.
- 49. a: to Jim's house.
 - b: to a truck.
 - c: to the neighbor's house.
 - d: to the repair shop.
- 50. a: TV repairmen.
 - b: neighbors.
 - c: robbers.
 - d: truck drivers.

STOP. This is the end of the test.